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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING NEW UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(b)

(Docket No. 213.003-D2)

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To: Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for:

Title: **Method and Apparatus for Monitoring Integrated Circuit Fabrication**

Inventor: **Ye and Chen**

This application is a DIVISIONAL APPLICATION of:

Inventor: **Ye and Chen**

Ser. No.: **10/677,563**

Art Unit:

Filed: **October 2, 2003**

Examiner:

Title: **Method and Apparatus for Monitoring Integrated Circuit Fabrication**

1. To effect the above-requested filing, attached hereto is:
 1. Specification, Claims, and Abstract (62 pages)
 2. One (1) set of formal drawings having 37 sheets
 3. One (1) executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages)
 4. Check (790.00) (see below for fee calculation)
2. Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference, in total, therein.

3. A Power of Attorney to Neil Steinberg, Reg. No. 34,735 is attached. The current address of Neil Steinberg is as in item 4.

4. Kindly address all communications with respect to this application to:

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5. The Examiner's attention is directed to both the second paragraph of guideline (2) in MPEP 609 and to the last paragraph of MPEP 2001.06(b) regarding any and all Information Disclosure Statement(s) (including the documents attached thereto) filed in Application Serial No. 10/677,563.

6. Attached is a PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT that, among other things, cancels original claims 1-50 and adds new claims 51-115. This Preliminary Amendment is to be entered **before** fee calculation, as set forth in item 8 below.

7. Applicants claim small entity status, under 37 CFR §1.27.

8. The fee to effect the above-referenced filing is calculated as follows:

Basic Fee \$ 385.00

Additional Fees:

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☒ [XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Acc. No. 50-0763. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Date: January 22, 2004

Respectfully submitted,



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In the Application of: **Ye et al.**

Filed: **January 22, 2004**

Serial No: **To Be Assigned**

Title: **System and Method for Lithography Process Monitoring and Control**

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